Programmes	Achievements
V. Animals including fish and rabbit	Based on the technology developed on the rabbit production, rabbit farming is becoming popular for meat and fur which in turn generates employment avenues for educated unemployed youth. The Black Quarter disease of cattle was controlled with an effective vaccine developed by the institute and about five lakh dosage were supplied to Manipur State. A number of trials on nutritional studies, non-conventional ingradients in pelleted feeds for cultivable fishes, feed utilization and growth of grass carp are also being taken up for in depth study.

Target for Production of Foodgrains

905. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the target for production of foodgrains during the next five years; and

(b) whether Government plan to allow holding of thousands of acres of land to bring under corporate production of foodgrains in the interest of the consumers to produce at competitive cost in relation to the World production costs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Year-wise targets for production of foodgrains are not fixed. However, Planning Commission has suggested foodgrain production target of 234 million tonnes by the end of 9th Five Year Plan (2001-2002).

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.